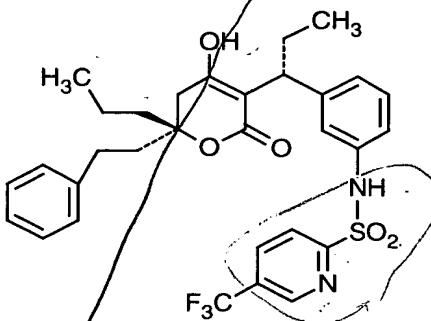


We claim:

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(a)

A pharmaceutical composition comprising:
a therapeutically effective amount of the compound of formula I



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(b) an oil component selected from the group consisting of mono-, di-, tri-glyceride or a mixture thereof wherein the monoglyceride and diglyceride are mono- and di-unsaturated fatty acid esters of glycerol having sixteen to twenty-two carbon atom

10 chain length, wherein triglyceride is a saturated fatty acid ester of glycerol having six to twelve carbon atom chain length,

(c) an emulsifying agent consisting of lecithin, and

(d) a liquid phase comprising one or more pharmaceutically acceptable solvents.

15 2. A pharmaceutical composition of claim 1 wherein the pyranone compound of formula I is in an amount of from about 1% to about 20% by weight of the total composition.

20 3. A pharmaceutical composition of claim 1 wherein the pyranone compound of formula I is in an amount of from about 2% to about 15% by weight of the total composition.

25 4. A pharmaceutical composition of claim 1 wherein the lecithin is yolk lecithin or soybean lecithin.

5. A pharmaceutical composition of claim 1 wherein the lecithin is a synthetic nontoxic didecanoyl phosphatidylcholine, dilauroyl phosphatidylcholine, dimyristoyl phosphatidylcholine, dipalmitoyl phosphatidylcholine or a mixture thereof.

✓ 6. A pharmaceutical composition of claim 1 wherein the lecithin is in an amount of from about 0.5% to about 20% by weight of the total composition.

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✓ 7. A pharmaceutical composition of claim 1 wherein the lecithin is in an amount of from about 1% to about 10% by weight of the total composition.

✓ 8. A pharmaceutical composition of claim 1 wherein the lecithin is in an amount of from about 2% to about 5% by weight of the total composition.

✓ 9. A pharmaceutical composition of claim 1 wherein the oil component is in an amount of from about 5% to about 40% by weight of the total composition. ✓ 1 - 30

✓ 10. A pharmaceutical composition of claim 1 wherein the oil component is in an amount of from about 10% to about 30% by weight of the total composition.

✓ 11. A pharmaceutical composition of claim 1 wherein the oil component is in an amount of from about 10% to about 20% by weight of total composition.

✓ 12. A pharmaceutical composition of claim 1 wherein the oil component is triglyceride.

✓ 13. A pharmaceutical composition of claim 1 wherein the oil component is a mixture of diglyceride and monoglyceride in a ratio of from about 9:1 to about 1:9 by weight.

✓ 14. A pharmaceutical composition of claim 1 wherein the oil component is a mixture of diglyceride and monoglyceride in a ratio of from about 8:2 (diglyceride : monoglyceride) by weight.

✓ 15. A pharmaceutical composition of claim 1 wherein the oil component is a mixture of diglyceride and triglyceride in a ratio of from about 9:1 to about 1:9 by weight.

✓ 16. A pharmaceutical composition of claim 1 wherein the oil component is a mixture of diglyceride and triglyceride in a ratio of from about 2:8 (diglyceride : triglyceride) by weight.

17. A pharmaceutical composition of claim 1 wherein the oil component is a mixture of monoglyceride, diglyceride and triglyceride in a ratio of from about 1 to about 8 parts of diglyceride per 10 parts of the mixture, about 1 to 5 parts of 5 monoglyceride per 10 parts of the mixture, and about 1 to about 8 parts of triglyceride per 10 parts of the mixture.

18. A pharmaceutical composition of claim 1 wherein the pharmaceutically acceptable solvent is propylene glycol, polyethylene glycol, glycerol, triacetin, dimethyl 10 isosorbide, glycofurool, propylene carbonate, ethanol, water, dimethyl acetamide or a mixture thereof.

19. A pharmaceutical composition of claim 1 wherein the pharmaceutically acceptable solvent is propylene glycol, water or a mixture thereof.

15 20. A pharmaceutical composition of claim 1 wherein the pharmaceutically acceptable solvent is water.

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20 21. A pharmaceutical composition of claim 1 which is administered orally or parenterally.

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